



Our Christmas business this year has been the greatest in our history --- an evidence that the people of this community have confidence in our merchandise and system of doing business.

This store is not a perfect one---but we're constantly striving to make to-morrow's service better than that of to-day.

We believe our friends recognize this fact and the increased patronage is an evidence of their appreciation.

We extend to our patrons both in and out of Richmond our best wishes for a happy Christmas time and a prosperous year

Miller Rhoads

Traffic Unite to Tax Resources to Utmost.

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give untold trouble. On the other hand, further snow piled on the banks now beside the tracks may cause an even further delay in traffic. Gangs of men on all the roads were out yesterday and last night replacing fallettelegraph wires. The Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac road has possibly been the heaviest loser by fallen wires, and even yet has not been able to get telegraphic communication with many stations. The road is double-tracked, however, and trains are moving by blocks with an attempt at a schedule. Atlantic Coast Line dispatchers have been operating the sysgive untold trouble. schedule. Atlantic Coast Line dispatchers have been operating the system from Clopton, the line between Richmond and that point having been broken by fallen telegraph poles. Seaboard wires between here and Dinwiddle are giving trouble, the line being operated from Henderson, N. C. On the Southern a long stretch of wire is down between Midlothian and Chula, preventing through telegraphic service and necessitating delay in the heavy train service. Temporary wires will be in place to-day.

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CHRISTMAS MARRIAGES

Mady Applicants for Matrimony Secure Licenses From Hustings Court.

Marriage licenses constituted almost the only business of most court yesterday, thirteen being issued, of which the following were for white people:

William P. Snead and Lillian F. Howles, William P. Snead and Lillian P. Howles, William F. Ford and Alalia Pinchbeck, Otis Snead and Bessie Jennings, Julius Sale and Mablel Pond, Hessie M. Hubbard and Clara G. Hobson, Ages C. Childress and Addie Hoke, George A. Warren and Annie P. Martin,

Deputy Clerk Breeden will be at the office for a few hours this morning to accommodate Christmas couples desiring licenses. The law specifies that the clerk's office shall be open every day in the year, except Sunday, but it has not been thought necessary to keep open all day to-day.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

ROADS STRAIN TO 'PHONE SERVICE CITY HALL GLOSES MEET DEMANDS BADLY CRIPPLED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Fort Alone This

Morning.

DINNER FOR NEWSBOYS

Two Thousand Local Stations Justice Crutchfield Will Hold the "Dead" as Result of Heavy Snowfall.

been harder hit by storm conditions handleapped, and the than for many years, the suspension of ct of flood imminent, Virginia service on many lines coming at particularly unfortunate season, when hundreds of housekeepers were at-

of relief until early next week.

Two Thousand Phones Dead.

Manager A. S. Tanner, of the Richmond exchange of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, said last night that while immediately after the storm about 1,200 telephones were reported out of commission, falling trees and the weight of snow, with the crossing of wires, had increased this number to about 2,000 last night, and this despite the unceasing efforts of a large gang of workmen rushing in connections as fast as possible.

were dressed by a physician. No blame sared lights working satisfactorily last night, repairs having been made in one of two places where falling trees had in traffic. Gangs lad were out yes, to good service rendered by the street replacing faller. Richmond, Fredner ond has posst or good has posst loser by fallen has not been able man to be able man to been able man to be able to be ab

EXIT FROM THE CITY

State Officials Leave to Spend Christ-mas With Their Families. Practically all the State officials who live outside the city left yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with their families.

Union Christmas Services.

The Methodists will observe Christmas in union services at Broad Street Methodist Church to-day at 11 A. M. The Rev. W. Asbury Christian, presiding elder of the Hichmond District, will preach the sermon. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Home for Christmas.

Mr. Preston Witherspoon, the New York representative of the Richmond Cedar Works, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Jore Witherspoon, at the Chesterfield.

HAUL CHILDREN TO WALTER TURPIN SCHOOL EACH DAY GIVEN FREEDOM

Will Make Contract with Drivers.

TWO ROUTES ESTABLISHED WAS BAD FROM HIS YOUTH UP

Sixty in All to Have Free Service,

February, the Varina District School meeting was to ask bids for the two

he wagons. The drivers are required the school with the load of teachers A decided change has come over the prisoner recently, and he has made a strong impression upon ministers of the coner. Ald Society. The petition for the beginning and formuchedule so that the children have long to wait at their he maximum load is to be 30 and the drivers are required and care for the wagons. utes are as follows: No. 1—m Cotman post-office, drive Kingsland Road to the juncthe Kingsland and Varina its junction with the Mill talong the Mill Road to the tet Road, and along the New and to the High School, Signt form the content of the prisoner, Walter Turning the mill road to the papers on which the prisoner was released:

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The Governor is thoroughly satisfied that Turnin will "make good," but he has taken the precaution to make his pardon conditional, and to place the minimum to the watchful care of the society for a period of twelve months.

Gives His Reasons.

The Governor appended the following reasons for granting the pardon to the papers on which the prisoner was released:

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Colonel McCabe's Purse and Coins Stolen-Mr. Bingle Loses Valuable Watch.

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STRUCK BY STREET CAR

NICHOLAS DRAKE'S PONY AND CART

Henrico Board Buys Wagons and Governor Releases Reformed Criminal on Conditional Pardon.

Teachers and Pupils Will Ride, Sent to Reformatory When Newsboy, and Served Several Terms in Penitentiary. :

For the purpose of making arrange-! Governor Swanson yesterday grant-nents for the opening of the new ed a conditional pardon to Walter Tur-

Greeting

The sincere appreciation shown our efforts throughout the past year-and especially during this holiday seasonhas resulted in the largest holiday business in the history of our establishment.

This is most gratifying to us, and will be an added inspiration in our endeavors to serve patrons in the coming

From the bottom of our hearts we thank our friends, wishing one and all a "Merry Christmas" and a Happy New

Schwarzschild Bros.

GIVE PONY AND CART TO NICHOLAS DRAKE



Shoppers Trod Home Early Through Snow-Police Find Few to Arrest.

The Christmas services at the Memorial.

The Christmas services at the Memorial Hospital Hospital will take place to-day at 4 P. M. The Rev. John Moncure will conduct the service, and Mr. Jacob Reinhart will furnish the music. Friends of the patients and institution are cordially invited to attend.

Ne Huat To-Morrow.

The Deep Run Hunt scheduled for to-morrow (Saturday) has been called off because of the suow.

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and the only noise was that of jangling cow-bells. Now and then a fire-cracker will be mylored, and the fire was a deplorable falling off, and there was a deplorable falling off, and that the number of those buying was far less than last year.

Few Drunks on Street.

The Deep Run Hunt scheduled for home, and there were few left to make purchases. Business in the attention was brisk, but the merchants state that after nightfall there was a deplorable falling off, and that the number of those buying was far less of drunkenness on the streets, and the

There were comparatively few cases of drunkenness on the streets, and the police had little to do. At midnight there were no negroes under arrest at the Second Police Station, and the matter than the matter of the second Police Station, and the second Police Station of the second Poli fority of whites at the First was more than two to one. "In my experience of thirty-six years

on the police force," said Captain Ends

Asks That Cruiser Be Not Endangeres
in Charleston Harbor.
[Special to The Times Diantich.]
NORFOLK, VA., December 16. The
Industrial Commission of Norfolk to-NORFOLK, VA., December 15.—The Industrial Commission of Norfolk to-day asked Secretary Newberry not to departure the safety of the cruiser North Carolina by trying to enter the Charleston harbor. An invitation is stantially yearday morning, when one of the large wagons from Curis Neolt extended to arrange for the departure of President-elect Taft from Norfolk instead.

Boy Who Ran Second to Miss Folkes Remembered by The Times-Dispatch.

DELIGHTED WITH HIS GIFT

Takes Young Friends Out for Drive in Snow and Goes Again To-Day.

patch Pony and Cart Contest of last

cow-bells. Now and then a fire-cracker Times-Dispatch decided to award you

Henry Asron, nu Alleged Peddicr, Is Accused of Highway Robbery. Henry Asron, an alleged Hebrew peddler, who was arrested Wednesday

on the police force," said Captain Edds, "Thave never seen similar conditions, "Thave never seen similar conditions to each white man. I have remained but there are three or four negroes to each white man. I have remained but the colored people.

"I walked down Broad Street to see conditions for myself, and my personal investigation showed that the night man more orderly than for the past fifteen years. There has been no report of serious disorder and nothing out of the ordinary has happened. The number of drunks, from all appearances, is less than on a Saturday night.

"I can't account for conditions except in saying that each year finds conditions less severe. We were prepared for a disorderly growd, and expected to be busier than usual. With bars closed to morrow, the force will probably have little to do."

NORFOLK WANTS TAFT.

Asks That Cruiser Be Not Endangeres in Charleston Harbor.

[Special to The Times-Disnich.]

NORFOLK, "A. December Edding without a liegeed Wednesday point as peaking his goods without a license, was yestereday served with a close, was rested Wednesday or of closens, was yestereday served with a close, was rested Wednesday of or common gentle was held up at revolver's point Tuesday should up of Commonwealth's Actorney and county Mr. Hubard, of Buckingham count